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Ref:- My Application No. 10/042, 433  
Your communication, Dt. Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 2003

I have noted your comments on the amended claims Dt. 26<sup>th</sup> June 2003. I am taking necessary action to correct all the deficiencies in consultation with a Patent Attorney in Hyderabad.

I request you to consider the following regarding the 30 days time made available for reply.

Your communication was received in Hyderabad on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2003. As the mailing date of your communication is 24<sup>th</sup> Sept with 30 days time for reply, expiring on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. This leaves only 5 days for preparing the reply and the transit time for the post, which is inadequate. I am planning to complete the reply by 10<sup>th</sup> November and post it so that you will receive the letter around 20<sup>th</sup> November. (Twenty)

I request you to condone the delay in view of the following special circumstances:

1. It has taken 25 days for the letter to reach me from USA.
2. It will take another 10 days for my reply to reach you by post.

Yours truly,

*B. Gopinath*  
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